COCHIN
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION, 1119

Monday, *the* *13th December 1943.*
27th Vrischigam 1119.

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at half past eleven of the clock with the Hon'ble the President (SIR G. T. BOAG, K.C.I.E., C.S.I.) in the Chair.

Messrs. Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur (Commissioner of Police), C. Kunhan Nambudiripad, V. J. Mathai, P. P. Devassi, A. L. Antony and B. M. Peter were absent.

Swearing in of the President and the new members

The Diwan President Sir G. T. Boag and Messrs. B. V. K. Menon (Joint Secretary to Government, Judicial and Public Works), S. Venkiteswaran (Conservator of Forests) and P. Narayana Menon (Member for Trippunittura) were sworn in.

Opening Statement by the President

Mr. President: Hon'ble Members of the Legislative Council, it is my pleasant duty to convey to this House a gracious message from His Highness the Maharaja. It is as follows.—

"Members of the Cochin Legislative Council, it is with the greatest pleasure that I welcome the first meeting of the Legislative Council which assembles since my accession. The Council plays an important part in the constitution of the State, and I shall always follow its proceedings with the deepest interest and give to its decisions the most careful considerations".

Honourable Members,

Since the Council last met the State has suffered a grievous loss in the death of His Highness the late Maharaja. Hon'ble Members will wish an opportunity to give expression to their feelings on this sad occasion, and accordingly the business before the Council today is a motion which will shortly be made by the Hon'ble Minister placing on record the Council's sorrow at the death of His late Highness and its sympathy with the members of the Ruling Family in their loss.

I had not the privilege of knowing His late Highness; I cannot speak from my own knowledge of his qualities as a man and a Ruler; but I have read some passages in which my predecessor has spoken of those qualities; and I shall confine my remarks this morning to the quotation of one of those passages. Mr. Dixon said: "The welfare of his subjects is His Highness' constant care. To this he has dedicated himself, to this he devotes his wide knowledge and keen insight. Indeed the noble simplicity of His Highness' own private life is remarkable. It is a great privilege to serve under such a Ruler". That a Ruler who earned such a tribute from his Diwan won also the affection and esteem of his subjects is not surprising; and it is in the fitness of things that this Council should spend its sitting today in paying its tribute to the memory of the late Maharaja.

I now call upon the Hon'ble Minister to move the condolence motion.

Condolence Motion on the demise of His Highness Sir Sree Kerala Varma G. C. I. E., the Maharaja of Cochin

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Mr. President, Sir, it is my melancholy duty to move the following motion on the sad demise of His Highness Sir Sree Kerala Varma, our late Maharaja.—

"This Council desires to express, with due respect, its deep sense of sorrow at the irreparable loss sustained by the State by the lamented demise of His Highness Sir Sree Kerala Varma, G. C. I. E., the late Maharaja of Cochin, and its sincere sympathy with His Highness the Maharaja and other members of the Ruling Family and His late Highness' children, in their sad bereavement."

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